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AMONG THE MOUNTAINS.

The Summer Excursion of the New Jersey Editorial Association—A Half Day at Bethle-bem, and a Look at its Objects of Interest and

From Our Own Correspondent. BETHLEHEM, Pa., June 22.-At noon to-day, according to the programme as telegraphed to you from Easton, the New Jersey Editorial Association rendezvoused at that place, as the initial point in its regular summer excursion. The party comprised about two hundred persons, a large number of them being ladies. The proportion of the latter, however, was not as great as usual on these occasions, many who would otherwise have participated in the excursion having been deterred by the threatening state of the weather. At half-past twelve o'clock a special train was placed at the disposal of the party by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and in about half an hour we found ourselves at Bethlehem, where we are to remain until to-morrow evening. There being no very commodious hotel at this place, the excursionists were obliged to separate, the larger portion of them being quartered at the Ragie Hotel, and the remainder between the Sun and the American.

The gongs sounded for dinner shortly after two o'clock, and this disposed of, the excursionists distributed themselves about the town, for the purpose of inspecting its many objects of interest and curiosity. Bethlehem was settled in the year 1741, being among the oldest Moravian towns in the country, and retaining its original charter for a much longer time than any of the others. Coming hither to avoid persecution, and to attempt the conversion of the aborigines to the Christian religion, they were for many years subjected to harsh treatment by those who viewed their peculiar principles and practices as mere eccentricities or downright heresies. The society or congregation was based on the principle of a general community of property, with special concern towards the care of the aged and infirm, and a universal upturning of the accepted basis of modern society, which confers upon each individual member of it the entire regulation of his own individual concerns, so far as this liberty does not materially detract from the welfare of the whole. The community of property and the separation of the sexes were strictly preserved as late as 1762. But the peculiarities of the sect have gradually melted away since that time by contact with and invasion, from the outside world, Practically, the Moravians of the present day comport themselves, in a social and business way, in the manner which prevails in the world at large. Their system of worship, however, still preserves some of the noticeable features imparted to it by its founders. Easter is still observed in a very peculiar fashion, by certain outdoor ceremonies at the dawn of day. The trombone is still sounded from the housetop when a death occurs, and large baskets of buns and coffee are still passed around the congregation at the celebration of a love-feast. Many of the old buildings are also still standing, their quaint low gables and substantial aspect riveting the attention of every stranger who passes through the town. Some of these venerable structures are still occupied by the elders of the sexes, living apart.

The great church of the society, a large and imposing structure, was one of the first objects of interest to which the excursionists directed their attention. The celebrated boarding-school for girls, which has attained a wide-spread reputation and popularity, was also visited. But perhaps the most interesting place in the town is the old cemetery which lies in its very centre, the last resting-place of several thousands of generations long since gone to their repose. The graves are arranged in rows, male and female apart, in the order in which their occupants were buried, whites, Indians, and negroes, rich and poor, high and low, in regular succession, and on the principle that death levels all distinctions. Many of the mounds are without any mark or token to indicate the name of the one whose earthly mould is covered by them, and the only monuments to be found are plain oblong slabs of white marble, lying prone upon the earth, with a simple inscription giving the name and date of birth and death, with here and there a short scriptural quotation, and very rarely a faint attempt at decoration in low relief. As we wandered to-day between the long and solemn array of the dead, we noticed frequently a fresh wreath of roses or a neat bouquet resting upon the mounds. Perhaps the most interesting of all the graves is that whose slab bears the following inscription:-

Founder
Of Bethlehem, who feled the
First tree to build the first House. Born Sept. 18, 1676, in Moravia. Died, April 14, 1758." Another slab contains the following record of a

"David Nitschman,

"In Memory to my Dearest Son,
James McDonald Ross,
Eldest Son of
John Ross,
Principal Chief of the
Cherokee Nation.
Born Oct. 10, 1814,
At Plus Sardner, in the At Blue Springs, in the Then Cherokee Nation, East of the Mississippi River, Now Hamilton Co., Tennessee, Died in St. Louis

November 9, 1864,
His Corps transported by Adams
Express to Bethlehem,
And interred at this Sacred Spot November 22, 1864 Aged 50 years 29 days.'

While considerable time and attention were devoted by the excursionists to these and other objects of interest in the town itself, a great portion of the afternoon was devoted to a visit to the Lehigh University, the great monument which the Hon. Asa Packer has erected to his own memory, while still spared to the world as a useful and generous-hearted eltizen. Despite a slight drizzling, the ride across the river to the South Mountain, at a distance of about a mile from the Lehigh, was pleasant and attractive. On the brow of this hill, at an elevation above the level of the river of nearly three hundred feet, stand the University buildings, four or five in number. Some of these are used as residences by the professors, and another, called Christmas Hall, a commodious brick building, is taken up with lecture rooms and dormitories for the students. But the most imposing is the magnificent structure named. in honor of the founder, Packer Hall, which is now rapidly approaching completion. The architecture of this building is very unique and striking, being a combination of the Gothic and modern French schools. The material of the structure is the Potsdam sandstone, found in abundance near at hand, with the trimmings and arches of native blue limestone and New Jersey red sandstone, in alternation. When entirely completed, the cost of the structure will be about \$200,000. It is commodious, as well as attractive within and without, and contains an elegant chapel, museum, library, laboratory, several large class-rooms, and a few dormitories. From the tower a magnificent view is commanded, embracing all the country within a radius of thirty miles, and including the Blue Ridge, the Delaware Water Gap, Lehigh Gap, and Wind Gap. Before the visitors were conducted over the building, they assembled in the new chapel, and were tendered a cordial welcome by Henry Coppee, LL.D., the distinguished president of the institution, who dwelt at considerable length upon the demand of the times for a thoroughly practical training of young men, and the manner in which this demand is met by the university over which he presides. He like-wise spoke in feeling terms of Judge Packer's munificent donation of half a million dollars to the cause of popular education, eliciting the hearty applause of his auditors. John Y. Foster, Esq., of the Newark (N. J.) Courier, responded on behalf of the visitors in fitting words, and short addresses were de by other members of the party. Packer Hall was then inspected in detail, under the

guitance of President Coppee and several of the ofessors, after which the excursionists returned to town. At 7 o'clock we sit down to supper; at 8 the Editorial Association holds its business meeting; at 9 the first day of the tour is wound up by a hop at Eagle Hotel; and at 7 in the morning we start for Mauch Chunk, where the exciting episode of a for Mauch Chunk, where the exciting episode of a formation of the famous "Switch-Back" Railroad will GREAT OAK HALL, SIXTH AND MARKET STS. GREAT OAK HALL, SIXTH AND MARKET STS. GREAT OAK HALL, SIXTH AND MARKET STS.

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BARRINGTON.—On the morning of the 22d instant, ELENOR, widow of the late Richard Barrington, in the 34th year of her age.

Her relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her son-in-law, J. Cowpland, No. 11 S. Sixteenth street, on Thursday afternoon, the 24th instant, at 4 o'clock. (New York, Charleston, and Savannah papers please copy.)

FARRELL.—On the 19th instant, Mrs. MARY FAR. RELL, aged 62 years, a native of Castlebarr, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her son-in-law, Anthony McHale, No. 531 Owen street, below Reed, on Thursday morning at 8½ o'clock.

HARPER.—On the 29th instant, WILLIAM HARPER, St., in the 87th year of his age.

The relatives and male friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 521 Passyunk road, on Wednesday, the 23d instant, at 4 o'clock P. M. Interment at Woodlands Cemetery.

GRAY.—On Wednesday morning, the 23d instant, ANSON SOUTHARD GRAY, aged 21 years and 8 days.

His friends and the friends of his father's family are invited to attend his funeral, from No. 528 S. Tenth street, on Friday morning next at 10 o'clock.

MEGARGE,—On the 29th instant, MATILDA, wife of William E. Megarge, and daughter of Jucob and Catharine Kram, aged 25 years and 15 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her parents' residence, No. 5470 Main street, Germantown, on Thursday, the 21th instant, at 1 o'clock, without further notice. To proceed to Germantown and Chesnut Hill Cemetery.

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All relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, No. 316 New street, on next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, without further notice. THORN.—On the 21st instant, in her 85th year, MARY THORN, widow of Isanc Thorn, of Chesterfield township, Burlington county, New Jersey.

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